

Section I:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the

CLAIMS

1 - 12 (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A sealed bid sales offering system ~~in a computer network, said computer network enabling communications between said sales offering system and trader consoles, said offering system comprising:~~

a bid database in a network computer arrangement containing collected bids, said database being accessible and queriable by a [[said]] sales offering system, said collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating whether each [[is]] bid is a sealed bid or an unsealed bid;

a database query server ~~communicative to said computer-readable bid database configured to query for querying said bid database repository for unsealed bids which match parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader and which are indicated as being unsealed by said seal status indication field, said trader comprising an~~ representing a intermediary third party user communicably disposed between a bidder user and an offeror user;

a bid transferor configured to, responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for said trader, deliver said matching unsealed bids to a trader's console, and further configured transfer preventor configured to prevent delivery transfer of sealed bids from said computer-readable bid repository to a trader's console ~~trader responsive to said database query~~; and

a trader's console configured to receive and display said delivered bids to said ~~trader an bid communicator for presenting matching queried unsealed bids to a trader with whom said Broker Profile Matrix is associated.~~

14. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said sales offering system [[is]] comprises a computer network server.

15. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 14 wherein said computer network server comprises [[is]] an Internet server.

16. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 14 wherein said computer network server comprises [[is]] a Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) server.

17. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said sales offering system is configured to communicate adapted for communications with trader console computers which are web browser devices.

18. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said database query server is adapted configured to retrieve unsealed bids from said bid database for presentation to a trader which meet criteria including ~~a match with~~ a trader's location code.

19. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said database query server is configured adapted to retrieve unsealed bids from said bid database for presentation to a trader which meet criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.

20. (original) The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising a restricted access administrator console communicative with said bid database for allowing conversion of sealed bids to unsealed bids.

21. (original) The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising a system clock or timer configured for use by said database query server communicative to determine which seals of sealed bids have expired as a criteria for retrieving unsealed bids.